SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 115 By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nancy Adams of Hamblen County on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Whitesburg Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Adams is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Adams has recently been selected Teacher of the Year at

Whitesburg Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as

it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received her Baccalaureate Degree from the University of Tennessee and earned 15 graduate hours from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Adams has served with acumen and alacrity as a librarian and teacher of reading, language arts, social studies, and math for three decades, which includes her tenure at East Ridge Elementary where she was named 2003 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a Career Leader I teacher, she was also nominated Disney Teacher of the Year in 2000; and

WHEREAS, ambitious and generous with her time, she is the Secretary for the Rose Center Board of Directors, a member of the Girls Incorporated 100 Club, and a volunteer at the ALPS center; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Adams is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; her leadership activities include Peaceable Schools Training, sponsoring Beta Club,

leading 4-H, and coaching for the Modern Woodmen Speech Contest, the cheerleading team, and the dance team; and

WHEREAS, Nancy truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her family, and she is a faithful and devoted member of the First United Methodist Church of Rogersville; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Adams truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Nancy Adams, an exceptionally talented and compassionate educator, on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Whitesburg Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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